

beeian and Bar Kochba revolts two thousand and more years ago and finished in destruction of Israel still exist in Jews today. . . .

Above reflections not anti-Israel but from belief Israelis not only key to peace in area but by patience and justice a possible leader of a democratic Middle East. If Israel from her sense of chosen destiny, arrogance and terrible subjectivity (Con despatch 135 January 16, 1954) ⁶ cannot be made to realize the consequences of her acts she may perish and not impossibly the world with her. She must be patient and know that we will support her if she does and that because we disapprove certain of her acts does not mean we are deserting her. But there is a limit.

ConGen fully supports specific recommendations Commander Hutchison to improve border machinery (Con despatch 163 February 26, 1954).⁶

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⁶ Not printed.

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1072. Israel-Arab border problem (Department's telegram 717)² stems in part from presence of several hundred thousand Arab refugees along border with juxtaposition Arab poverty and Israel's comparative wealth; in part from feelings of Arab elements that infiltration is effective adjunct to Arab economic boycott; and in part from Israeli Government's excessive harshness in attempting deal with infiltrators, which increases dimensions of problem, and policy of refusing participate in partial measures in its attempt secure full peace agreements. To extent first is cause, it can be dealt with only by resettlement of refugees. Second can be effectively dealt with only by convincing Arab leaders that prolongation of infiltration is against their interests. Third by insistence to Israeli Government of folly of its policies.

Concrete reality toward which all efforts must be directed, through Security Council or otherwise, is meetings between Israel and representatives of respective Arab countries with desire on

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² Printed as telegram 407 to Amman, Document 796.